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Examiner: G. R. Delcotto

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Further to our Communication filed December 8, 2005 (copy attached), it is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive communication from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication dated December 2, 2005, attached is a copy of a postcard receipt dated December 2, 2003 and "Communication" which is evidence that the certified copies of JP 10/274,563, JP 11/120,300, JP 11/146,489 and JP 11/254,772 were filed along with a Supplemental Declaration (e.g. – see MPEP 503).

Accordingly, it is requested that Applicant be afforded priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 with respect to all Japanese priority applications, JP 10/274,563, JP 11/120,300, JP 11/146,489 and JP 11/254,772.

In the event, the Examiner wishes replacement copies, such will be obtained and provided.


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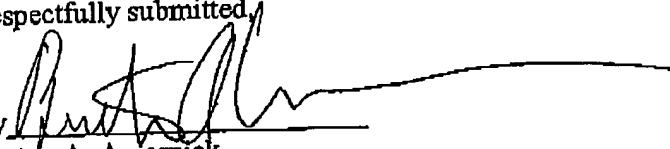
Further to our "Letter re Priority Claim and Transmittal of ADS, attached are certified copies of priority Japanese Patent Applications JP 10/274563 filed September 29, 1998, JP 11/120300 filed April 27, 1999, JP 11/146489 filed May 26, 1999 and JP 11/254772 filed September 8, 1999.

Also attached is a Supplemental Declaration, executed by the inventors.

No fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SURFACTANT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND DETERGENT COMPOSITION
the specification of which: (check one)☐ is attached hereto. ☒ was filed on March 29, 2001, as United States Patent Application Serial No. or PCT International Application Number 09/819,769, and was amended on April 24, 2001; May 11, 2001; January 16, 2003; and August 21, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s): I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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| <u>11/234772</u> | <u>Japan</u> | <u>8 September 1999</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [XX] | | |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below or 34 U.S.C. § 365(e) of any PCT International Application designating the United States of America listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| <u>PCT/JP99/04304</u> (U.S. or PCT Application Serial No.) | <u>September 29, 1999</u> (U.S. or PCT Filing Date) | <u></u> (Status - patented, pending, abandoned) |
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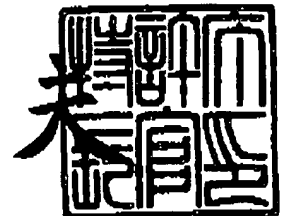
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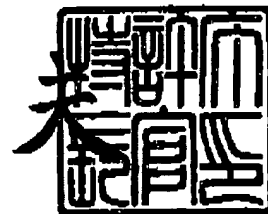
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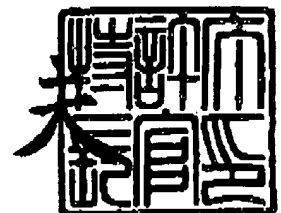
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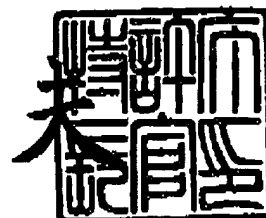
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